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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 5295

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, JM, CU

SUBJECT: MANLEY HAILS CUBAN TIES

1. IN WIDELY PUBLICIZED CEREMONY COMMEMORATING COMPLETION OF A CUBAN-BUILT SECONDARY SCHOOL, PM MANLEY SAID THAT "WHILE JAMAICA HAS MAINTAINED HONORABLE RELATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, THERE IS NONE WITH SUCH INTEGRITY AND PRINCIPLE AS THE ONE EXISTING BETWEEN JAMAICA AND CUBA." HE WENT ON TO CITE JAMAICA'S AND CUBA'S SHARED OBJECTIVES "BEING THE CREATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER FREE FROM INTERNATIONAL EXPLOITATION."

2. IN RESPONSE, CUBAN AMBASSADOR PEZ FERRO DECRIED "SLANDEROUS ATTACKS" MADE ON CUBAN WORKERS. HE CITED AND DENOUNCED ALLEGATIONS THAT CUBANS WERE COMING AS SOLDIERS TO INVADE JAMAICA AND RECENT (JLP) ALLEGATIONS PRESENTING WORKERS AS "CARRY-ING WEAPONS AND ENGAGED IN MYSTERIOUS ACTIVITIES".

3. COMMENT: THE 3-MILLION DOLLAR JOSE MARTI SCHOOL WAS BUILT IN SIX MONTHS, BEING COMPLETED TWO MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. THIS IS ITSELF HAS PROBABLY LEFT STRIKING IMPRESSION IN MIND OF ENVIOUS GOJ ADMINIS-  
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TRATORS. EIGHTY-NINE MAN CUBAN CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE

IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE JAMAICA BY DECEMBER 8 BUT  
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WILL  
BE REQUESTING ANOTHER SCHOOL PROJECT EARLY IN 1977.  
POMP, CEREMONY AND TIMING SURROUNDING COMPLETION OF  
JOSE MARTI PROJECT APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO SHOW  
ELECTORATE INNOCENT AND HELPFUL NATURE OF JAMAICA/  
CUBA RELATIONSHIP. NEVERTHELESS, HEADLINES OF  
DECEMBER 6, "MANLEY HAILS CUBA TIES" LIKELY TO  
INCREASE DISCOMFITURE OF THOSE WHO FEEL JAMAICA IS  
BEING LED DOWN THE CUBAN GARDEN PATH.  
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